

New ones have been discovered for the

potato. The white potato. They are going to make meerschaum pipes and billiard balls out of it. Fast. When turned into a pipe it is susceptible of the highest polish, and is more readily than the genuine clay. Naturally it is cheaper. But if meerschaum pipes are cheap, who will want them. Half the pleasure in smoking a meerschaum is because it costs a lot, and in waiting for the awful day when you will come home and see it smashed under the table. But if every fellow can have a meerschaum, not one of the old-style, heavy articles, which never, would polish, but a light and airy thing, which will color perfectly, nobody will want one. Does anybody want one now? Are meerschaum pipes at all the go? All of us have had half-a-dozen and more of them, apiece, but goodness knows what has become of them. How to wait to get and fiddle them, watch anxiously for scratches and send them up to Dolly to be loved. We would smoke ourselves pale and green in the best every half hour for the faintest speck of brown. But all that is over. The potato is to be a complete substitute for all things for which ivory is now employed,

umbrella handles, chisomens, fans, everything: a substance as hard, smooth and enduring as ivory. I think I have heard of something like this before. I have known billiard balls, the severest test, it is said, to be made of something else than the tusks of an elephant, but ivory still holds the field. The process of fitting the potato for its novel work is not a long one, and is very simple. Having been carefully peeled and suffered extraction of its eyes, the potato is boiled unseasonably for thirty or forty hours in a mixture of sulphuric acid and water, after which it must be squeezed in a press until every drop of natural or acquired

moisture is extracted. The residuum is a hard block of a delicate, creamy-white hue, which is formed as desired. Yet does it not seem that exactly the qualities which would fit the substance for the uses of ivory would unfit it for the uses of merchandise! The methods of science are, however, inex-

**AN HONEST MAN'S DILEMMA.**

A stranger who had made a purchase of a second-hand dealer on Chatham street grew confidential and said he would like some advice.

"Vhell, go ahead."

"If you were in my place and wanted to go into business here, would you lend your money and live on the interest, or would you go into the second-hand clothing busi-

"My front," replied the other, with a very serious look on his face. "let me tell you that like a father. Don't let me do second-hand business yourself, but lead me your money and become a silent partner."

"Are the profits large?"

"Large? How much you think I made on that west I sold you for \$2? I make about twelve shillings."

"Not by a blessed sight, for I haven't paid for it and won't take it," exclaimed the stranger, as he dropped the bundle and walked out.

"Well, well," sighed Moses as he looked after him, "every time I tell der true I lose money, an every time I lie I lose a customer. How, can an honest man make a living in New York?"—*Wall Street News.*

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DELENSING.

The la's desire to be a man.  
The brain which lacks a soul.  
The desire to keep a bad record.  
That "three removes are as bad as a fire."  
The friendship given you by an unscrupulous man.  
The secret hatred turned rather than give an open rebuke.  
The doing of good in order to have it well spoken of.  
The man who thinks and moves him when it is only passion.  
That "prosperity always makes men monsters."  
The man who chooses a false tale, thinking to catch it.  
He who takes all advantages brought to

He who thinks himself a saint just because he advertised the fact that he had found a pocket-book.

That "in a thousand pounds of law there is not an ounce of love."

The person who thinks realization of folly the sole right of the age.—*Detroit Free Press.*

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ALARM SIGNALS.

The Municipality of Paris have decided to erect in prominent places posts for signaling to the police office in case of an alarm of fire or other mishaps. The system is the most complete of the kind yet devised. In a

box at the top of the post eight buttons will be fixed, and directions will be given as to their use. Thing on pulling No. 1 a signal meaning "fire" will be transmitted along a telegraphic wire. No. 2 will signify a great fire; No. 3, an accident; No. 4, a riot; No. 5, a robbery; No. 6, a crime with violence; No. 7, a suicide; and No. 8, a great catastrophe. A policeman will constantly be stationed near by to give verbal instructions to the public in case of need.

Synopsis of his voyage: He left Portland  
 May 31, and sailed from San Francisco on  
 the steamer "Osaka," June 6, arriving at  
 Yokohama, on the twenty-fifth. From there  
 he came, and visited Tokio, the capital  
 of the Japanese empire. From Yokohama  
 he went to Shanghai, on the way touching  
 at Kobe and Hansai. From Shanghai he  
 went by way of Hong Kong to Singapore,  
 to visit which place was the object of his  
 journey.  
 Finding that he would make the trip  
 more quickly by going ahead than by  
 turning back, he took passage on a French  
 steamer from Singapore to Naples. The  
 steamer called at Colombo, where "halloo  
 boys" blew wildly over Captain's deck, and  
 then at Aden, in Arabia, then at Suez, and